CHAPTER IV—ADMINISTRATION OF LAND.

(i) Occupied Area and Tenure.

386. The total recorded area of the State was 213,26,676 acres including the district of Bellary transferred to the State with effect from 1st October 1953. Deducting the extent of (i) 13,33,382 acres covered by alienated lands and (ii) 89,60,448 acres consisting of minor inams, forests, uncultivable waste which were not available for cultivation, a net extent of 110,32,846 acres was available for cultivation.

387. The net area cropped during the year was 81,89,355 acres.

388. The number of ryotwari holdings separately registered in the State was 12,61,106 with an extent of 86,87,514 acres. This excludes information relating to Bellary District where it is reported that the number of ryotwari holdings separately registered was 1,14,114.

(ii) Land Records, Survey and Settlement.

389. In Government villages 15,245 (10,613) darkhast, hadbust and miscellaneous records were disposed of and measurements were made in 27,876 (21,361) survey numbers involving an extent of 99,947 acres and 11 guntas (78,743 acres). Classification was done in respect of 10,886 (8,917) survey numbers comprising an area of 40,954 acres 33 guntas (34,785 acres).

390. Bandh Pahani of 10,178 (8,265) survey numbers in 3,081 (2,243) villages was done.

391. Two hundred and thirteen (114) cases of encroachment comprising an extent of 219 acres and 15 guntas (156 acres 21 guntas) with the probable assessment of Rs. 267 were detected.

392. By measuring 47,909 (39,528) hissas, 35,271 (24,658) mutation cases were disposed of.

393. Some of the special items of work attended to by the department were :—

(i) Demarcation of lands belonging to Military coepartment in 6 villages of Bangalore North Taluk was Dnducted.

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(ii) Measurement of lands in Kadgodi Plantation, Hoskote Taluk granted to Adikarnatakas comprising of 230 blocks with an extent of 661 acres was conducted.

(iii) Measurement of 179 acres 39 guntas in Hebbal and Kodgigehalli, Bangalore North Taluk in connection with the acquisition of lands for Military Diary Farm was attended to.

(iv) The resurvey of 5 villages of Sandur State of Sandur Taluk, Bellary District was done.

(v) Sanction was accorded in March 1953 for appointing executive staff for measuring unauthorisedly cultivated areas under the extended channels of Visvesvaraya Canal area in T. Narasipur Taluk. The staff have attended to the measurement of 2,075 blocks comprising an extent of 2,414 acres 38 guntas. They have detected the unauthorised cultivation of 835 blocks with an extent of 907 acres and 27 guntas and also detected the encroachment of 669 blocks comprising an extent of 165 acres and 25 guntas.

and (vi) The recruitment of two more batches of candidates at 75 each for imparting survey training during 1954-55 was sanctioned. Survey training to the III batch of 75 candidates was in progress. Two Supervisors as instructors were imparting training to these candidates.

394. The Decennial Revision of Potgi was done in respect of 2,262 (5,559) villages and the potgi was refixed in the case of 781 (3,814) villages.

395. Biennial revision of potgi in respect of 3 (0) villages and pakka potgi in respect of 1 (2) village was done during the year.

396. Maps of 499 (287) Government and settled inam villages comprising of 51,973 survey numbers were prepared for print and replenishing the stock. In addition, handdrawn maps of 59 (84) unsettled inam villages comprising of 1,629 (46,527) survey numbers were prepared and supplied to private parties on payment of cost.

397. Up-to-date changes and corrections in respect of 37,815 (15,116) survey numbers were incorporated in 7,724 (4,638) copies of maps of 612 (1,451) villages of 6 (13) taluks.

398. City or Town Surveys and conduct of inam village survey on an intensive scale were some of the items under the consideration of Government.

399. The total expenditure of the Department amounted to Rs. 6,38,683 (Rs. 6,02,475).

(iii) Transfer of Lands.

400. There were 4,290 transfers of land by the order of Courts– Civil and Revenue—involving an extent of 20,834 acres. Transfer by private contracts and mortgages numbered 1,64,159 involving an area of 3,95,573 acres. This information is exclusive of that of Bellary District where there were 15,491 transfers of land relating to all these categories.

(iv) Labour and Wages.

401. The rates of wages both skilled and unskilled, cart-hire and handling charges continued to rule high as in the preceding year without any marked change except in the case of Bellary District where there was a slight fall in the rates of wages as compared with those of last year. Relief and irrigation works were continued in the areas affected by distress in the previous years and several industrial concerns provided adequate labour to the working classes. There was further unusual movement of people in search of employment into the State during the year.

402. Large number of labourers from Madras migrated into the State in search of work. There was the usual migration of the State people to Nilgiri Coffee estates. The labour from Malabar, Coorg and South Canara as usual came in search of work in the Coffee Estates and Malnad during the agricultural season. The large irrigation projects under execution attracted a large number of labourers from outside the State.

403. Generally labour was available to labourers seeking employment.

(v) Inam Settlement.

404. Fourteen land inams of an aggregate area of 183 acres and 17 guntas were resumed. The resumption resulted in a net increase of Rs. 37-13-0 in Land Revenue and a decrease in the Jodi of about Rs. 33-15-0. Original